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(57) Abstract: The invention provides methods for inhibiting the formation of undesired intracellular polypeptide complexes or aggregates associated with neurological disorders using an intrabody.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,854,204 A (FINDEIS et al) 29 December 1998, abstract, examples 1-12.	1-7, 24-34, 39-48, 78-93
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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 2, 8-23, 30, 35-38, 40, 44, 49-77, 80, 85 and 87 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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BOX I. OBSERVATIONS WHERE CLAIMS WERE FOUND UNSEARCHABLE
2. Where no meaningful search could be carried out, specifically:

The functional and structural limitations of the recited "intrabody" lack such meaningful written description that a search cannot be directed to the element. Further as to the recited intrabody of claims 21, 22 and 38 which recite a specified SEQ ID NO: such elements cannot be meaningfully searched as the case lacks proper sequence compliance as indicated in the CRF error report of 9-18-00 for which no response has been filed. Claims 2, 30, 40, 44, 56, 63, 69, 73, 80, 85 and 87 lack meaningful limiting structural or functional structure to the elements of the recited acronyms SOD, AR, CACNL1A4, SCA7, FTD, SBMA, DRPLA, SCA1, SCA2, SCA3/MJD, SCA4, SCA5, SCA6 and SCA7 such that a meaningful search may be carried out or such that the patients may be distinguished.